
PILOT INFORMATION MEETINGS

Pilot information meetings represent another means of seeking user input to the development of the Navigational Aids and Aviation Services Special Study. Separate pilot information meetings were held consecutively in Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson to present the goals, objectives, planning approach and preliminary findings and recommendations of the Study. Announcements of the meetings were disseminated to airports statewide as well as placed in the "Arizona Flyways" magazine. Those airports that hosted the meetings (Flagstaff-Pulliam, Glendale Municipal and Tucson International) also distributed the meeting bulletins to their tenants and persons on their mailing lists. Each meeting attracted pilot interest and the sessions generated certain comments appropriate to the purpose of the Study. These included:

1. More use of reflective paint on aircraft movement areas.
2. Promoting the use of the more remote airports for camp sites as was done at the Payson Airport.
3. Re-publication of the Arizona Aeronautical Chart.
4. Establishment of a remote transmitter/receiver at Navajo Mountain to enable en route voice communications with air traffic control.
5. The establishment of more GPS approaches offer additional opportunities for practice and training, especially in the Phoenix area.
6. There is a need for more aircraft storage protection, preferably sun shades (in the Phoenix area).
7. Expansion of the State's funding program to include participation of private sector investors at public-use airports. Additionally, there is a need for increased promotion of the funding program.
8. Support for balancing airport and aviation system needs with operational and safety benefits and the costs to implement improvements.